Government has also announced a new Scheme entitled "Margin Money for Destitute Weavers" to be implemented during the current financial year for the benefit of handloom weavers living below poverty line.

Smuggling of Narcotics

1546. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been enormous increase in the smuggling of narcotics since last year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken to check it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c) It could be seen from the data on seizures of important drugs of abuse given in the enclosed statement that the quantity of seizures of the two most important drugs i.e. Heroin and Hashish have declined during the last two years. At the same time the number of cases of trafficking of these drugs during the last two years has shown increase. This clearly indicates that the trafficking of these drugs has come down due to the fear of being caught by enforcement agencies. The increase in the number of cases shows the effective action taken by enforcement agencies against trafficking. More seizures and cases have been effected in ganja and methaqualone during the years 1990 and 1991 which indicates the alertness of enforcement agencies.

STATEMENT

(In Kgs.)

Name of the Drug	*1987*	*1988*	*1989*	*1990*	*1991 (Upto October)*
Opium	2929 (433)	3304 (512)	4855 (1658)	2114 (506)	1792 (509)
Morphine	115 (38)	23 (24)	92 (14)	6 (27)	5 (20)
Heroin	2747 (351)	3029 (489)	2714 (1248)	2193 (764)	534 (1050)
Ganja	53920 (592)	45994 (592)	54463 (3612)	39090 (1782)	42014 (3078)
Hashish	14796 (301)	17523 (419)	8179 (687)	6388 (753)	3224 (302)
Methaqualone	1500 (59)	1649 (40)	887 (75)	2141 (60)	3951 (70)